Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I am not parepared to concede that this student had got better merit.

Mr. P. A. Muhamad Ashroff (*Cranganur*): Is it not a rule that Muslims and other backward community students should be admitted irrespective of their merits?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : B.Sc. admissions recognise no interests other than merit.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Advisory Committee has given no advice with regard to students who pass the Intermediate by compartmental system, that these students should not be passed over.

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The Advisory Committee's suggestion is that admission should be on the basis of merit and according to the discretion of the professors; and the professors think that a student who passes the Intermediate in compartments possesses less merit than a student who passes the Intermediate in the first chance.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): May I know whether any student has been admitted in the B. Sc., course who passed the Intermediate course in compartments?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : None in the Chemistry Group.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): In any other Group?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*): May be in other groups, where, after all the students who passed in the first chance had been admitted, seats were lying vacant.

LEASING OF CERTAIN PLOTS—FOREST DEPARTMENT

323. Mr. P. K. Paul (*Chalakkudi*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government aware of the fact that the Forest Department are causing unnecessary troubles by trying to lease out the plot the Anamalai and Koramalai Collective Farming Co-operative Society has worked last year, to some of the subordinate staff of the departments and the nearby plot under correspondence to some police officers ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Conservator of Forests*) :

(*a*) No area worked in the previous years by the society has been taken away from them.

Mr. P. K. Paul (*Chalakkudi*): Are the Government aware of the fact that a detailed memorandum was submitted by the co-operative societies namely the Anamalai and Koramalai Collective Farming Co-operative Society and the inordinate delay was primarily due to the inadequate response from the Forest Department?

Mr. S. Venkite swaran (*Conservator of Forests*): I do not think so.

Mr. P. K. Paul (*Chalakkudi*) : Will the Government be pleased to see that the matter is expedited?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Conservator of Forests*): The matter has been closed already.

WOMEN ANCHAL MASTERS

324. Mr. P. T. Jacob (*Latin-Christians Mattanheri*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) why, women anchal masters who have put in years of service in the Department asked to quit ;

(*b*) had the Government at any time found the service of the said women anchal masters unsatisfactory ;

(*c*) were there not an order that if any application is made by persons in the Anchal department for any other departmental appointments their services in the department will not be counted ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

((*a*) There was no order to quit. Purely officiating female hands in the Department will not be re-entertained in the Department when their officiating term ceases and when they are thrown out. Female Anchal Masters and clerks who are permanent will continue in the Department.

(*b*) In certain cases their work was found to be unsatisfactory. All the subordinates (Anchalmen and peons) in anchal offices are males. The lady Anchal Masters are sometimes found unable to manage and properly control them and effectivcly supervise and check their work.

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